THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) 57,493 claims were registered with the Custodian of Enemy Property, out of which 24,163 claim cases have been disposed so far. 21,659 have been treated as dormant and 11,671 claim cases remain to be processed which are expected to be settled within a period of two or three years.

(c) To expedite verification of claim the position is reviewed from time to time and various steps are taken to dispose off pending claims.

Steps taken so far are: —

(i) Increase of panel members from 8 to 18.

(ii) Shifting of payment Office from Bombay to Calcutta.

(iii) Increase of honorarium to panel members.

(iv) Advertisements in Newspapers calling upon batches of claimants to submit documents.

Cv) Proviison of additional staff ate.

Development of mining districts

3376. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have any plan or programme in respect of the mining districts to restore the imbalances created and to restore the denuded, de-surfaced areas for de velopmental activities; and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The Government has, in the first instance, identified 10 coal fields for preparation of Advance Environmental Management Plans. Thes$_e$ plans, which include action plans for carrying out environmentally compartible mining operations and for ecological restoration of mined areas, have so far been prepared for three coalfields namely Tal-cher, North Karanpura and Singrauli. Such plans for the seven coalfields namely Jharia, Raniganj, Godavari Valley. Wardha Valley, lb Valley, East Bokaro and West Bokaro Coalfields are being prepared. Besides, Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd., (CMPDIL) has also carried out a survey of all abandoned coal mines and suggested reclamation including ecological restoration of five hundred of such mines.

Chakma refugee camps in Tripura

3377. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindu' of the 4th July, 1988 about the problems of Chakma refugees who are in the camp of South Tripura:

(b) whether it is a fact that ration meant for the refugees is being sold in the black market;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the refugees are being used as bonded labour by the contractors under PWD with the connivance of the camp authorities and the Mobile Task Force officials; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter and if so, what is the outcome thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

No Sir